Gay Speak

The Voice Of The Pikes Peak Gay Community Center JULY, 1986

FUN, SUN AND BUNS (HOT DOG, OF COURSE)

Mother Nature smiled on those attending the **Family Reunion Picnic** held June 21, and provided us with a warm sunny day, just the type to lend to the festive atmosphere. If the tempreture proved too hot there were plenty of iced tea, soda pop and Manitou Mineral Water donated a case of mineral water with which to cool off. Once the grill was fired, and the hot dogs cooked, the $1.50 plate provided hot dog, tofu potatoe salad baked beans, a gingered carrot salad, chips and watermelon.

After lunch, the games began. The first event was an orange passing contest pitting the men against the women. Each team of ten had to pass the orange down and back their line while keeping it wedged between the chin and neck. Congradulations go to the ladies who defeated the men by three bodies.

After an abortive attempt at a hot dog eating contest, everyone was too full, the action moved to the volley ball court where Pikes Peak M.C.C. played P.P.G.C.C. in a best two out of three series. P.P.G.C.C. took the first and third games to become the victors of a heated, but fun contest.

Needing a rest, everyone moved back to the shelter house where a cake was sold in a Chinese auction. The final price for the chocolate delight was $55.00, with the donations going to P.P.G.C.C. Later in the day, a second cake auction was held where two cakes were sold under a time limit for the bidding. These were sold for $19.00.

Other activites included a three-legged race, egg toss, a ladies' and a men's trash bag hopping race and a wild shirt contest.

After cleaning the area, those interested in softball went to the diamond for a one hour battle. It was the 1's against the 2's. With lightning approaching, and aluminum bats in hand, the players remained on the field until their hour was up. The final score was 21 to 5. Sorry, I can't remember the name of the team which won, but I knew it was not mine. I was too dejected in the fact that I was the only one to strike out every time at bat to remember which team I was on.

Many people who attended the picnic chose to take advantage of June's five dollar P.P.G.C.C. membership special with 22 renewals and 9 new memberships sold.

Everyone who attended had a good time, and the anticipation for next year's picnic has begun. ■

STEP ONE

Sometimes do you feel like you're the onle gay/lesbian teen-ager or college student in all the Pikes Peak Region? Are you an older adult trying to work through being a lesbian or a gay male? Where do you turn for help and support? Well, now there is a new resource for you; a group called **Step One**.

The group will begin meeting on **Monday, July 21**, at 7:00 p.m. For the location call **471-4GAY**.

The group will deal with such issues as coming out to parents, building relationships, where to find possitive role models, substance abuse, gay/lesbian health issues and much more. The group will operate under a strict code of confidentiality. No alcholic beverages or drugs will be allowed at the meetings. Along with the "serious stuff", we'll be having camping trips, parties and other get togethers.

What does it cost? Only one dollar per session. Who are the people who will lead the group? One has over twenty years experience in working with women and men who are dealing with their sexual orientation, and the other has a background in recreation such as camping, backpacking and hiking. So, together they are a couple. They can help you work through those pressing problems.

You are invited to get involved. This group will help change your life for the better. Remember, all you need do is call **471-4GAY** for information. ■

7th ANNIVERSARY

Pikes Peak M.C.C. is having a party to celebrate their **7th Anniversary** Friday July 18. It begins at **7:30 p.m.** at **The Picnic Basket, 2017 E. La Salle.** Featured at this event is a 6 foot long submarine sandwich. At **9:00 p.m.** the party is moving down to the **Hide and Seek Complex, 512 W. Colorado Ave.** to continue in the fun.

On Sunday, July 20, Rev. Charles Arhart will give the serman in a special, music oriented service at 730 N. Tejon St. The service begins at 5:00 p.m. ■

Community Groups and Services

"Can We Talk" - (Men's support group) Monday's at 7:00 pm.
"Count Me In" - (Women's support group) Thursday's 7:30 - 9:00. pm.
Dignity - (Catholic support group) Every other Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous - Monday and Friday at 8:00 pm., at the Community Center
Gay Helpline - Mon - Fri 6:00 to 9:00 pm., Sat. 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Call 471-4GAY.
Gay Narcotics Anonymous - Wednesday's at 8:00 pm. At the Community Center.
Helpline Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm., at the Community Center (all welcome)
Imperial Court of Southern Colorado - For information call 471-7468.
Lesbian Support Group - Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
Maranatha M.C.C. - (Church) Sunday Service at 10:30 am. at the Community Center.
Network - 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month. 6:00 to 9:00 pm.
"Out and About" - Not meeting during the summer months.
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays - 1st Tuesday of the month, call 635-7917 for info.
P.P.G.C.C. Board Meeting - 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm., at the Community Center. Open to all members.
Pikes Peak M.C.C. - (Church) Sunday Service, 5:00 pm., at 730 North Tejon. Call 634-3771 for info.
Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic - 510 N. Foote, call 636-0147 for info.
"Step I" - (Coming out support group) Men and Women, all ages. Call the Helpline for info.
Speakers Bureau - Call the Helpline for info.

For further information regarding the groups above, call 471-4GAY.

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BLOCK PARTY

P.P.G.C.C. is planning a block party to be held September 13, at the Exit from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Gay businesses will have booths where they will show their products and services. Volunteers are needed to help organize this event. If you are interested call **471-4GAY**, and leave a message for Allan Wakefield. ■

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TV PRODUCTION GROUP FORMING

A new Center member is forming a group to produce one or more television programs of benefit to the **Gay community**, to be "narrowcasted" on **Colorado Springs Cablevision** and possibly other cable systems. Members will train in the use of the **Community Access Television** facilities to tape the programs.

The group will be responsible for all aspects of production, from initial concept to final editing. A few persons already experienced in TV production have shown interest, but a variety of skills, interests and talents is needed. If you are eager to participate in this effort to inform the viewing public about the realities of the "gay lifestyle", phone **471-4GAY** for details.

Public Access TV is the new medium by which minorities can present their viewpoints; let's use it to counter the misinformation, homophobia and hysteria that threaten us all. ■

Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired?
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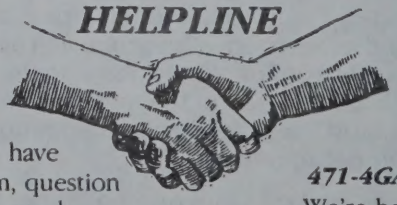
THE EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH, AND HOPE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CAN HELP.
Call **634-5020** *(24 hours)*
You may ask for help, talk, or just ask for the GAY MEETING schedule

THE HELPLINE



If you have a problem, question or just need someone to talk to
471-4GAY
We're here because we *Care*

Maranatha MCC

Open To
All Denominations
Everyone Welcome

Meets Every
Sunday - 10:30 am.
Community Center

Parents and Friends of Gays

P.F.L.A.G. meets the first Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Call **635-7917** for location or for more information.

GREETINGS FROM THE NEW MONARCHS

With **Coronation XI** only three weeks behind us, David and I have been busy working on putting together the next court. In doing so, we have come up with over 90 titles that we will be giving out at Investiture.

We promise a year of fun and excitement. There will be a lot of the old things with a lot of new. For example, at Investiture on July 13 we held a beer bust. Sound ordinary? Well, this one began at 3 a.m. Talk about your late night rendezvous! **P.R. Ball** on July 26 which is the official crowning of the new **Prince and Princess Royals** offers an evening of ellegance much like **Coronation,** only on a smaller scale. In August, I will be introducing parts of the line of succession during shows at all bars. At the end of August, we will attend the **Soverign Court's Coronation** in Denver. The cost is $20.00 per person, and we hope to have an excellant showing of Southern Colorado's strength. With the coming of Fall, September brings on new challanges. The **BOA** will be gathering at one of the hot springs in the state for a private seminar to discuss court business and upcoming events. The evening will bring the hot springs and good times. Even though this is not an open function, it is the **First** time the Board has actually tried to conduct as a business without time limits. We are all very excited about the prospects of this event. Also in September, will be the **Emperor and Empress' "BIG GAMBLE".** Four days and three nights in **Las Vegas.** The trip should cost $129.00 which covers flight and room. What you spend is up to you. The only purpose is for us to get out of town for a good time as a Family. Posters with further information will be up soon.

The last of September will bring the **6th Annual Aspen Run.** Year after year, this Sunday afternoon event proves to be a success. With the changing of the aspens, steak cookout, Loose Lilly's famous one shot potatoe salad and good friends, you can't help but have a super time.

So, as you see we've been busy. We are looking forward to our year serving Southern Colorado. We hope you'll take time to check us out, and, hopefully, be a part of a winning team.

Next time I will spend more time on what the court actually is. Until then:

Moving forward into a new beginning.

Emperor XI David L.

Empress XI Tracy Diane

The Celebration Court ■

Pikes Peak Gay *Community* Center

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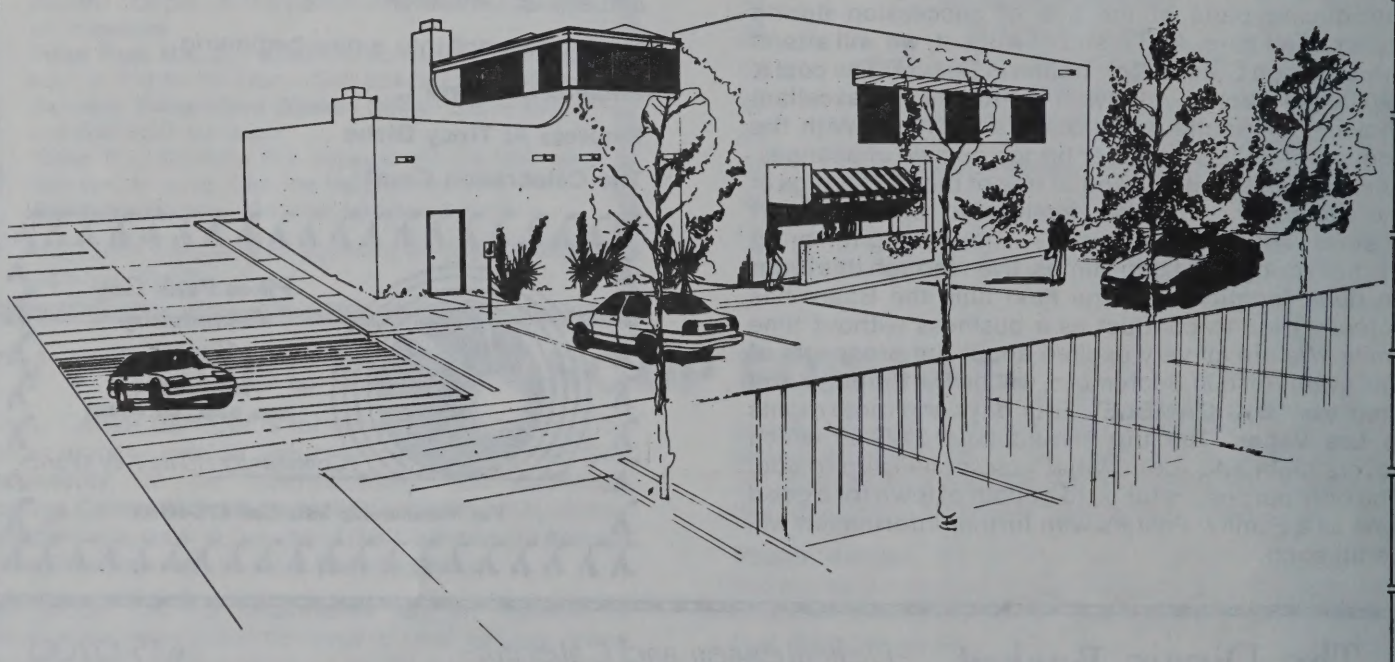

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